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In re U.S. Patent Application of

NAKAO *et al.*

Application Number: 10/020,721

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: DETECTION METHOD AND DETECTION KIT
FOR PCR-AMPLIFIED BASE SEQUENCES

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Total Claims	4	4	(Over 20)	x \$18	
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In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

☒ Amendment/Response

(with Claim Amendments)

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☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Substitute Specification

☐ Other _____

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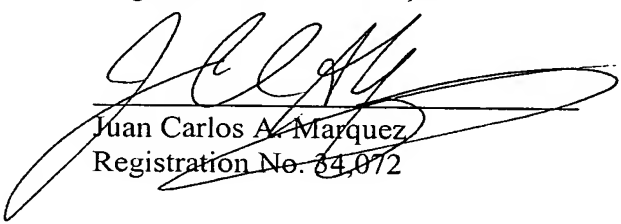
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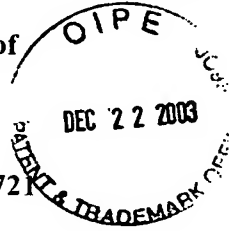


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated October 1, 2003, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on January 1, 2004. Please amend the above identified application as follows: